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Programme 8
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

1. At its 11th meeting, on 11 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 8)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Overall support was expressed for the programme and the work of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States. The success of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in May 2011 in Istanbul, was welcomed.

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4. The appointment of the Special Adviser on Africa was welcomed. Questions were raised regarding the impact on the programme of work, given that an Under-Secretary-General had served as the Special Adviser on Africa and the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States under the realignment of the Office of the Special Adviser and the Office of the High Representative.

5. Clarification was sought regarding how the programme would address the challenges of unexpected events and/or multiple crises that could result in the suspension of critical support to the countries. Further information was sought as to how the programme would help to maintain the effectiveness of countries that often experience a combination of crises, such as political and economic crises and natural disasters.

6. The introduction of new indicators of achievement relating to the Istanbul Programme of Action was welcomed. In particular, "Increased number of the least developed countries meeting the criteria for graduation" was well received, as it would indicate the extent to which the least developed countries could overcome their handicaps and achieve sustainable development. Clarification was sought concerning whether the introduction of the words "sustained, equitable and inclusive economic growth and sustainable development" in the objective of subprogramme 1, Least developed countries, was in accordance with the objectives stipulated in the Istanbul Programme of Action.

7. Clarification was sought with regard to the coordination of efforts and the possible duplication of work between the small island developing States subprogramme of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and the Small Island Developing States Unit within the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in particular for the implementation of joint programmes and activities such as capacity-building workshops and technical and financial assistance included in the indicators of achievement under subprogramme 3, Small island developing States, as well as for the preparation of the 20-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States envisaged in 2014. Explanation was also sought as to how to increase the visibility of small island developing States.

8. It was observed that more lessons learned could be presented.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed strategic framework.

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Programme 5
Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 9th meeting, on 8 June 2012, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 5)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. The view was expressed that the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 had not yet been reviewed by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fifty-fifth session and that further steps to harmonize the reviews of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the Committee for Programme and Coordination should be explored.

4. The view was also expressed that the Secretariat should strive to quantify indicators of achievement, bearing in mind previous trends, in order to clearly show the impact of the programme to Member States.

5. It was noted that, except for indicator of achievement (d), no further reference was made to the sharing of technology among Member States. Bearing in mind that

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different countries had varying levels of technology, clarification was sought on the ways in which the programme shared information on technology.

6. Clarification was also sought as to the nature of the long-term fellowship programme initiated in the biennium 2010-2011 under the Basic Technology Initiative and where the fellowship would be reflected in the programme's proposal for the period 2014-2015.

7. It was noted that the priorities and focus of the programme had changed since the First United Nations Conference on the Peaceful Uses and Exploration of Outer Space in 1968, when an arms race in outer space had been an overriding concern. In that regard, queries were raised as to the current priority areas for international cooperation on the peaceful uses of outer space, in particular the extent of the programme's cooperation with the International Telecommunication Union.

8. Clarification was sought as to the ways in which the proposed document for the period 2014-2015 reflected the challenges and lessons learned by the programme, as noted in the programme performance report of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/67/77).

9. The view was expressed that the current proposal should make more substantial reference to new initiatives and the longer-term objectives of the programme.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015.**

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Programme 18
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

1. At its 14th meeting, on 12 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 18)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Appreciation and support were expressed for the programme and the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), particularly the work of its Committee of the Whole, convened at United Nations Headquarters on 28 March 2012, which considered and endorsed the proposal contained in A/67/6 (Prog. 18). It was observed that the revisions to the proposed strategic framework of programme 18 (E/AC.51/2012/CRP.1) had been submitted by the Commission on the basis of a request made by ECLAC member States.

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4. Support was expressed for the incorporation of a new subprogramme, Support to regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations, into programme 18 (see E/AC.51/2012/CRP.1).

5. It was observed that all States members of ECLAC continue to have great appreciation for the work of the Commission, remaining at the vanguard in the economic and social development of countries of the region.

6. Good relationships between ECLAC and integration mechanisms of the region were welcomed, particularly as they promote social and economic development of countries of the region.

7. Attention was drawn to ECLAC efforts to support the preparations for the Rio+20 Conference being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012. Appreciation was expressed for ECLAC input provided in the form of a publication entitled "*Sustainable Development 20 Years on from the Earth Summit: Progress, gaps and strategic guidelines for Latin America and the Caribbean*".

8. The relevance of two current multidisciplinary regional mechanisms was observed, particularly the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Union of South American Nations, which would greatly benefit from increased support by ECLAC in the area of technical capacity.

9. The possibility of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development becoming a regional conference on population and development was observed, particularly in view of the growing impact of population and development in the region. In this connection, the question was raised concerning the projection of the Secretariat and whether that would be reflected in the ECLAC programme of work for the period 2014-2015.

10. Clarification was sought regarding the use of the concept of environmentally sustainable development, as reflected in paragraph 18.1 of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 18)).

11. Clarification was also sought regarding the role of ECLAC as facilitator in building regional consensus, contained in paragraph 18.4 of the proposed strategic framework. In this respect, queries were raised about what issues were envisioned and at what levels those efforts would be carried out.

12. Due note was taken of the expected accomplishments contained in subprogramme 1, Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation, and the corresponding indicators of achievement. Further, it was observed that, ideally, an additional indicator of achievement might be required to take into account progress achieved by various countries of the region.

13. The view was expressed that the visibility of the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, mentioned in paragraph 18.93 of the proposal, could be converted into an expected accomplishment.

14. The relevance of the work of the Commission in the area of gender mainstreaming was highlighted and appreciation was expressed for the proposal under subprogramme 6, Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development.

15. Queries were raised about whether it was necessary to list all applicable legislative mandates in the proposal, or whether there was a different way of simply indicating the new mandates for the upcoming period.

16. The view was expressed that given that South Africa had recently joined Brazil, the Russian Federation, India and China (the so-called BRIC countries), it should be listed in paragraph 18.22 (d).

17. It was observed that international cooperation for development is important. In this connection, queries were raised on what mechanism exists in ECLAC to expand the framework to other areas such as legislative and operational activities.

Conclusions and recommendations

18. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative of programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015, subject to the following modifications:

Add a new subprogramme as follows:

"Subprogramme 14
"Support to regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations

"Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional and subregional integration processes, their convergence and the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean in interregional and global political dialogues

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved capacity of regional and subregional mechanisms to deepen their integration processes and promote their convergence	(a) (i) Increased number of times in which ECLAC technical and substantive inputs are used to facilitate regional debate and consensus-building on social, economic and sustainable development issues at the request of regional and subregional mechanisms (ii) Increased number of joint activities or initiatives in which various regional and subregional schemes and mechanisms participate to share knowledge and experiences, with technical and logistical support from ECLAC
(b) Enhanced political dialogue of regional and subregional schemes with third parties and extraregional actors	(b) (i) Increased number of times in which ECLAC technical and substantive inputs are used to facilitate regional dialogue with third parties, including extraregional partners or mechanisms, on social, economic and sustainable development issues at the request of regional and subregional mechanisms

(ii) Increased number of times in which regionally agreed positions are presented in global forums or summits, with technical support from ECLAC"

"Strategy

"1. Responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme rests with the Office of the Executive Secretary and the Secretary of the Commission, in close coordination with the rest of the ECLAC substantive divisions, and its subregional and national offices, given its multidisciplinary approach.

"2. The strategy applied under the subprogramme will focus on providing technical and logistical support to the Latin American and Caribbean integration and cooperation organizations, mechanisms and coordination schemes, in support of their own agendas, in their convergence efforts and initiatives, and in the external interactions with third parties.

"3. The main characteristic of the subprogramme is the dynamic demand of the actors to whom services are provided, upon request, in the areas of data, statistics, indicators, analytical and normative work through conference and position papers, development of methodologies for various purposes and logistical support. In comparison with subprogramme 1, which focuses on trade policies and the negotiation of agreements within the framework of the issues under the purview of the World Trade Organization, this subprogramme focuses on strengthening the political action of subregional and regional integration mechanisms and platforms in their internal as well as external agendas.

"4. The subprogramme is oriented towards strengthening Latin American and Caribbean regional and subregional groups and schemes by providing technical support, updated, timely and relevant cutting-edge information, statistics and indicators, analytical work and logistical support to meetings and summits. Through analysis and the preparation of recommendations, it will help those organizations to build consensus to face new challenges in regional integration and cooperation in areas related to the social, economic and sustainable development of the region and in further enhancing their political dialogue with third parties. Assistance will also be provided to strengthen the follow-up of agreements and their respective implementation mechanisms. Furthermore, the subprogramme will provide advisory and technical cooperation services to support those regional and subregional mechanisms in improving regional integration and cooperation through South-South and triangular cooperation modalities.

"5. The subprogramme will work closely with the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Union of South American Nations, the Andean Community, the Caribbean Community, the Latin American Integration Association, the Southern Common Market, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America and the Central American Integration System. Collaboration with other bilateral and multilateral cooperation partners will also be enhanced to provide additional resources to the subprogramme to strengthen the implementation of its programme of work and maximize its impact in beneficiary countries.

"6. Collaboration with the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States was specifically requested by Heads of State and Government of Latin American and Caribbean countries through the 2012 Caracas Action Plan, whereby they requested the cooperation of ECLAC in activities envisaged to address the international financial crisis and the new financial architecture. In that document, they also requested that ECLAC provide support in the area of complementarity and cooperation between regional and subregional integration mechanisms by facilitating the discussion and the exchange of experiences on regional economic policies.

"7. The main beneficiaries of this subprogramme will be the Governments of the region, officials involved with all the integration processes in the economic, social and political spheres and other stakeholders of the business and civil society sectors concerned with all relevant aspects of integration and the associated political dialogue.

"8. The outputs of the subprogramme include the publication of several documents and technical materials, the organization of and participation in meetings and summits and the provision of technical cooperation services to relevant stakeholders in cooperation with other programmes, agencies and funds of the United Nations and other international organizations.

"9. Lastly, the subprogramme will seek to ensure the visibility of its work and major achievements through a dynamic programme of outreach, including active engagement with member States, the wide dissemination of publications and findings at international events and relevant conferences and participation in key forums involving relevant policymakers, academia and other stakeholders both within and outside the region."

Legislative mandates

Add the following to the list of legislative mandates:

Subprogramme 14
Support to regional and subregional integration and cooperation processes and organizations

General Assembly resolutions

62/208	**Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system**
63/12	**Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System**
63/222	**Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**
64/210	**Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**
64/222	**Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation**

65/168	**Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**
65/177	**Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**
65/242	**Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community**
66/210	**Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**
66/223	**Towards global partnerships**

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

608 (XXX)	**Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America**
625 (XXXI)	**Activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals**
633 (XXXII)	**Santo Domingo resolution**
639 (XXXII)	**Activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals and implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields**
642 (XXXII)	**South-South cooperation**
647 (XXXIII)	**South-South cooperation**

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Programme questions

Evaluation (item 3 (c))

Triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-ninth session on the thematic evaluation of lessons learned: protocols and practices

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 5 June 2012, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-ninth session on the thematic evaluation of lessons learned: protocols and practices (E/AC.51/2012/3).

2. The Director of the Inspection and Evaluation Division of OIOS introduced the report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Delegations noted the importance of institutionalizing the use of lessons learned in programme planning and implementation. They expressed concern that no Secretariat-wide definition had yet been established and that Member States did not have systematic access to lessons learned. Questions were raised as to whether or not incorporating access to lessons learned into Umoja had been considered.

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4. Delegations expressed concern regarding the limited analysis in the report. They requested more information on why two recommendations had not been implemented, who was responsible for their implementation and what further actions needed to be taken for their implementation. A question was also raised as to whether or not the limited analysis in the report related to OIOS initiatives to streamline its reporting.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee took note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-ninth session on the thematic evaluation of lessons learned: protocols and practices (E/AC.51/2012/3) and recommended that the General Assembly endorse the conclusion contained in paragraphs 38 and 39 of the report. In that regard, it also expressed concern that recommendations 1 and 4 had not been implemented.

6. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that OIOS clearly identify and analyse the underlying reasons for such non-implementation and provide recommendations on the way to remedy the situation in the context of its report to the Committee at its fifty-third session.

7. The Committee, considering the importance of lessons learned as valuable ways of strengthening knowledge management and improving organizational performance, expressed concern regarding the absence of a single, common definition of the concept in the Secretariat, and regarding the lack of a systematic approach. In that regard, the Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it request the Secretary-General to take further steps to develop a single, common definition of lessons learned and to report thereon to the Committee at its fifty-third session.

8. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to explore means to capture, analyse and share the benefits of lessons learned, including through Umoja, and/or other information and communications technology enterprise-wide means of knowledge management, and to report thereon to the Committee at its fifty-third session.

9. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to coordinate exploring the provisions of paragraph 8 above in other United Nations common system entities and to report thereon to the Committee at its fifty-third session.

10. The Committee, in the context of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 63/276, reiterated the need to develop a mechanism for Member States to have systematic access to lessons learned.

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Programme 2
Political affairs

1. At its 6th meeting, on 6 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 2, Political affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 2)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support and appreciation were expressed for the programme. Views were expressed that the programme was important for the maintenance of international peace and security.

4. It was indicated that clarification was needed on the constraints the Department of Political Affairs faced in implementing its programme owing to limited travel resources; on the measures the Department used to limit requirements for travel; and on whether the special political missions administered by the Department work closely with respective resident coordinators to avoid travel by Headquarters staff. It was indicated that delays in recruitment of staff could affect the delivery of the programme.

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5. Concern was expressed regarding the criteria for the establishment of special political missions, and the view was expressed that those activities should be considered as peacekeeping operations and consequently financed as such.

6. An observation was made on the responsibility of the Department in providing assistance to special political missions. It was pointed out that the indicators pertaining to special political missions should be better reflected and that transparency was required in respect of the activities of those missions.

7. The view was expressed that the principle of international law, non-intervention and sovereignty of Member States, should have been better reflected in the framework. An observation was made that some of the elements of the framework were not clear and measurable.

8. Some delegations encouraged the efforts of the Secretariat to develop a more widespread approach to define qualitative indicators of achievement. It was the view of the delegations that the Secretariat should go further in reflecting the proportion of its actual achievements within the level of its activity.

9. Views were expressed in support of subprogramme 1, Prevention management and resolution of conflicts. It was highlighted that "early warning" was important in efforts geared towards the prevention of conflict. The view was expressed that preventive actions should be carried out in consultation with regional organizations and host Governments.

10. The view was expressed that the electoral assistance provided under subprogramme 2, Electoral assistance, helped States to progress in electoral processes. Electoral assistance was important for the promotion of democracy, especially in countries coming out of conflict. It was stated that parameters and criteria for assessment were not clear and therefore needed further clarification. An observation was made that the method of application of the principles was unclear. The view was expressed that electoral assistance should be provided upon the request of Member States, and clarification was sought as to whether the Department provided technical support to observers. It was stressed that the activities under this subprogramme should be carried out in consultation with the country team and the United Nations agencies concerned, such as the United Nations Development Programme.

11. For subprogramme 3, Security Council affairs, it was stressed that support for activities of various panels represented a significant amount of work and that the administrative support provided appeared to be fragmented, requiring consolidation to achieve synergy. Regarding indicator of achievement (a), a query was raised about how the degree of satisfaction expressed by Member States with the services provided by the Security Council Affairs Division was measured.

12. With regard to subprogramme 5, Question of Palestine, the view was expressed that the meaning of "negotiated settlement" (para. 2.15) needed clarification. The view was expressed that there should be a different formulation in place of "international legitimacy" (ibid.).

13. For subprogramme 8, Peacebuilding Support Office, clarification was sought on the mobilization of resources for peacebuilding activities. It was pointed out that consideration should be given to refining some of the indicators, including (a) (iv) and (d) (ii). The view was expressed that training resources should be utilized for training and not for travel by air of staff receiving training.

14. With regard to subprogramme 9, United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the view was expressed that the number of claims collected and the number of claims cleared should be expressed in specific numbers. Clarification was sought on the reason for locating the Office of the United Nations Register of Damage in Vienna. Objections to various elements of the framework under the subprogramme were expressed.

15. Regarding subprogramme 10, United Nations Office to the African Union, the reason for the presentation of the subprogramme under programme 2, Political affairs, was considered to be unclear. Information was sought on the mandate of the United Nations Office to the African Union. It was pointed out that the objective of the subprogramme needed to reflect Security Council resolution 2033 (2012) of 12 January 2012. The view was expressed that cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union should go beyond political activities. The view was also expressed that good working relations between the United Nations and regional organizations was important and that the relationship between the African Union and the Security Council needed to be further strengthened. An observation was also made that the role of the United Nations Office to the African Union should be improved in coordination with regional and subregional organizations. The view was expressed that the framework needed to reflect the latest joint African Union-United Nations task force and capacity-building and conflict resolution.

Conclusions and recommendations

16. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 2, Political affairs, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 2.1

In the first sentence, add the words ", at their request," after the words "Member States".

Subprogramme 1
Prevention, management and resolution of conflict

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (b) (i) with the following:

"(i) Percentage of all requests of Member States and regional organizations in support of the peace process having resulted in preventing or resolving conflict situations".

Replace indicator (b) (ii) with the following:

"(ii) Percentage of projects in support of peacebuilding efforts implemented in areas where conflict situations were resolved or prevented".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.9

Replace the three occurrences of the words "peace consolidation" with the word "peacebuilding".

Subprogramme 2
Electoral assistance

Strategy

Paragraph 2.10

In the third sentence, after "Member States", add "upon their request".

Replace the sixth sentence with the following:

"Moreover, the Division will continue its efforts to enhance cooperation with other international, governmental and non-governmental organizations in order to facilitate more comprehensive and needs-specific responses to requests for electoral assistance".

In the seventh sentence, after "peacekeeping operations" add ", if relevant,".

Subprogramme 3
Security Council affairs

Indicators of achievement

Replace indicator (c) (i) with the following:

"(i) Increased percentage of monitoring mechanisms under Security Council sanctions committees established within the time frame stipulated by Council resolutions".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.11

Replace the second sentence with the following:

"Advice and substantive services will be provided, including the timely issuance of parliamentary documentation and communications; the effective coordination of meetings; the provision of guidance to the Council, its subsidiary bodies and the wider United Nations membership in accordance with the Charter, the Council's provisional rules of procedure, Council decisions and past practice; substantive administrative support to expert monitoring groups and panels and to all relevant subsidiary organs of the Security Council; the planning and organization of missions by members of the Council and chairs of its subsidiary organs; research and analysis, including with respect to current and past practices of the Council, as well as the implementation, effectiveness and impact of mandatory measures or sanctions imposed by the Council; advice regarding the design and implementation of 'targeted' sanctions as well as advocacy; and familiarization sessions for new members of the Council with respect to

the evolving procedure, practice and working methods of the Council and its subsidiary organs, in particular the sanctions committees."

Subprogramme 4
Decolonization

Strategy

Paragraph 2.13

Replace the third and fourth sentences with the following sentence:

"It will examine the views of the representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; it will also organize its regional annual seminars in the Caribbean and the Pacific, as well as visiting missions to the Non-Self-Governing Territories, in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions."

Paragraph 2.14

In the second sentence, after "developing relations with the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system", add the following: ", in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions,".

Subprogramme 5
Question of Palestine

Strategy

Paragraph 2.15

In the sixth sentence, replace "international legitimacy" with "international law".

Subprogramme 6
Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force

Indicators of achievement

Indicator (a) (ii): Delete ", including the regional spread,".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.16

Replace the fourth sentence with the following:

"The Office will enhance partnerships with Member States, relevant regional and subregional organizations and civil society on the implementation of the Strategy and will enhance access to assistance, information and good practices on promoting implementation."

Subprogramme 8
Peacebuilding Support Office

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), delete the words "and policymaking".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (iii), delete the words "and United Nations".

Replace indicator of achievement (a) (iv) with the following:

"(iv) Number of recommendations from the 2010 review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture, set out in the Peacebuilding Commission-approved road map, implemented".

Strategy

Paragraph 2.22

Replace the last sentence with the following:

"In accordance with intergovernmental mandates, the Office will also provide support to countries emerging from conflict."

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Programme 1
General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

1. At its 7th meeting, on 7 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 1)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the programme and appreciation was expressed for the efforts that had been made to improve the quality of conference services in the United Nations. Several delegations recognized the important role of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in providing quality conference services to Member States and ensuring the effective management of conferences and United Nations meetings as well as substantive consideration of conference management issues. Several delegations welcomed the initiatives of the Department for the improvement of interpretation and translation

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services, and emphasized that the objective of the initiatives should be to increase the quality of interpretation and translation in the six official languages of the United Nations. Support was expressed for the mandate of the General Assembly in the area of multilingualism, and the need for equal treatment of all six official languages was emphasized.

4. Some representatives noted that efforts by the Secretariat to ensure the provision of high-quality conference-servicing support that takes into account the principle of equal treatment for all official languages are not fully reflected in numerous indicators of achievement of the programme and strategy narratives.

5. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts undertaken to seek highly qualified language staff in cooperation with academic institutions and universities around the world to fill vacancies in the language services. Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of the anticipated retirement of staff on the quality of services in the Department, and the difficulties encountered in recruitment as a result of the implementation of the new system, Inspira, were noted. Concern was also expressed with regard to vacancies kept open to attract qualified female candidates, which could have an impact on the quality of conference services provided to Member States.

6. Reference was made to section IV, paragraph 23, of General Assembly resolution 66/233, in which the Assembly noted the concept of "paper-smart" and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report defining in detail this emerging concept. Clarification was sought with regard to the Secretary-General's vision to enhance environmental sustainability in the United Nations system, as reflected in paragraph 1.5 of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015.

7. Reference was made to section V, paragraph 8, of resolution 66/233, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to increase the proportion of translation done contractually. Appreciation was expressed with regard to the use of contractual translation. However, concern was expressed with regard to the quality of the services and the integrity and confidentiality of the documents. An explanation was sought as to how contracting out a greater proportion of translation could be reconciled with the indicator of achievement regarding 100 per cent utilization of internal translation capacity.

8. Concern was expressed that all the objectives of the subprogrammes were the same and that almost all the indicators of achievement had been changed. Concern was also expressed about the deletion of references to multilingualism in subprogramme 2, Planning and coordination of conference services, and subprogramme 4, Meetings and publishing services.

9. Under subprogramme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs, the view was expressed that expected accomplishment (b) should be reformulated, given that mandates originate from the General Assembly.

10. For subprogramme 2, clarification was sought as to why there had been a reduction in the number of expected accomplishments. Clarification was also sought with regard to the provision in indicator of achievement (a) (v). The view was expressed that some of the indicators of achievement needed to be quantified. Some delegations noted that indicators of achievement related to the application of the proximity rule did not fully take into account resolution 66/233, in particular the provisions of section III, paragraph 17, in which the Secretary-General was

requested to rigorously apply the proximity rule without jeopardizing the quality of the services.

11. In reference to subprogramme 4, indicator of achievement (b) (ii), clarification was sought regarding the current proportion of digital printing and the expected increase in that regard. Further clarification was sought with regard to the impact that digital printing would have on paper printing.

12. The Committee took note of the changes proposed by the Committee on Conferences, as reflected in E/AC.51/2012/CRP.1, annex II.

Conclusions and recommendations

13. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative of programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed strategic framework, subject to the following modifications:

Overall orientation

Paragraph 1.5

Replace the paragraph with the following:

"The Secretary-General will continue to further define the paper-smart concept, with possible developments in that regard, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 66/233".

A. Conference management, New York

Subprogramme 1
General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Revise expected accomplishment (a) to read:

"(a) Improved organizational and procedural aspects of meetings servicing and enhanced substantive and technical secretariat support to contribute to the deliberations of intergovernmental bodies and United Nations conferences".

Delete expected accomplishment (b).

Indicators of achievement

At the end of indicator of achievement (a) (ii), add the words ", with equal treatment given to all official languages".

Delete indicator of achievement (b).

Subprogramme 2
Planning and coordination of conference services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support, including the optimum utilization of capacity for meetings and documentation services, in a globally coordinated manner".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), insert the words ", where feasible," after the word "proximity concept".

At the end of indicator of achievement (a) (v), add the words ", with equal treatment given to all official languages".

Subprogramme 3
Documentation services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support while ensuring effective multilingual communication and equal treatment of all official languages".

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), insert the words ", précis-writing" after the word "translation".

In expected accomplishment (b), insert the words ", précis-writing" after the word "translation".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), replace the words "Increased proportion of translation done contractually" with the words "Resorting to contractual translation".

In indicator of achievement (b) (ii), insert the words ", précis-writing" after the word "translation".

In indicator of achievement (b) (iii), insert the words ", précis-writing" after the word "translation".

Subprogramme 4
Meetings and publishing services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support".

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator of achievement (b) (iii) to read:

"100 per cent availability of all documents in electronic form simultaneously in all six official languages".

B. Conference management, Geneva

Subprogramme 2
Planning and coordination of conference services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support, including the optimum utilization of capacity for meetings and documentation services, in a globally coordinated manner".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), insert the words ", where feasible," after the words "proximity concept".

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Subprogramme 3
Documentation services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support while ensuring effective multilingual communication and equal treatment of all official languages".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), replace the words "Increased proportion of translation done contractually" with the words "Resorting to contractual translation".

Subprogramme 4
Meetings and publishing services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support".

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator of achievement (b) (iii) to read:

"100 per cent availability of all documents in electronic form simultaneously in all six official languages".

C. Conference management, Vienna

Subprogramme 2
Planning and coordination of conference services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support, including the optimum utilization of capacity for meetings and documentation services, in a globally coordinated manner".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), insert the words ", where feasible," after the words "proximity concept".

Subprogramme 3
Documentation services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support while ensuring effective multilingual communication and equal treatment of all official languages".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), replace the words "Increased proportion of translation done contractually" with the words "Resorting to contractual translation".

Subprogramme 4
Meetings and publishing services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support".

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator of achievement (b) (iii) to read:

"100 per cent availability of all documents in electronic form simultaneously in all six official languages".

D. Conference management, Nairobi

Subprogramme 2
Planning and coordination of conference services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support, including the optimum utilization of capacity for meetings and documentation services, in a globally coordinated manner".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), insert the words ", where feasible," after the words "proximity concept".

Subprogramme 3
Documentation services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support while ensuring effective multilingual communication and equal treatment of all official languages".

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b) (i), replace the words "Increased proportion of translation done contractually" with the words "Resorting to contractual translation".

Subprogramme 4
Meetings and publishing services

Objective of the Organization

Replace the text of the objective with the following:

"To facilitate the deliberation and decision-making processes of intergovernmental and relevant expert bodies and United Nations conferences by providing efficient and effective conference-servicing support".

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator of achievement (b) (iii) to read:

"100 per cent availability of all documents in electronic form simultaneously in all six official languages".

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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 9
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 12th meeting, on 11 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 9)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Overall support was expressed for the programme, and the long-anticipated appointment of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa was welcomed. Given that an Under-Secretary-General had for some time served as both the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa and the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, information was sought on the impact that had had upon the programme.

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4. Clarification was sought as to whether the adjustments mentioned in the introductory statement of the Special Adviser, namely enhancing the role of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in ensuring synergy and coordination, in advocacy and in peace and security, as well as the type of interaction that the Office had with the Security Council in terms of peace and security issues in Africa, could be incorporated into the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015.

5. An objective assessment of the visibility of activities undertaken by the programme was requested, while it was noted that 97 per cent of the mandated, quantifiable outputs had been implemented for the biennium 2010-2011.

6. Clarification was sought as to the vision for the programme and the coordinating mechanisms that would be used to implement NEPAD programmes effectively, by leveraging and capitalizing on the objectives of each subprogramme.

7. At its fifty-first session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination, under the coordination questions on the United Nations system support for NEPAD, recommended that the United Nations system coordinate closely with the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, as the technical body of the African Union, and with other structures of the African Union Commission and the Partnership in order to further strengthen the implementation of the African Union/NEPAD African Action Plan 2010-2015. In that regard, information was sought on follow-up action and the resulting outcomes.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 9.6

In subparagraph (a), replace the words "peace and development" with "economic development and peace": "(a) mobilize support and galvanize the efforts of the international community for economic development and peace in Africa".

Subprogramme 1

Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), add the word "economic": "Increased international community support for Africa's economic development, in general, and for NEPAD, in particular".

Strategy

Paragraph 9.11

After the words "Tokyo International Conference on African Development", add "(TICAD)".

Replace the words "the Tokyo process" with "the TICAD process": "As the co-organizer of the TICAD process ...".